

House Resolution No. 1391

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Reverend Price Ellis, an esteemed resident of Kansas City, Missouri, who holds distinction as the first African American man to graduate from Central Missouri State University (1959); and

Whereas, 2004 marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka, a groundbreaking case in which the United States Supreme Court ended federally sanctioned racial segregation in the public schools on May 17, 1954, by ruling unanimously that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal"; and

Whereas, the Reverend Price Ellis received his Bachelor of Science degree from Central Missouri State University in 1959, and went on to earn his Master of Arts degree at the school in 1962; and

Whereas, a Korean War veteran, the Reverend Price Ellis played an integral role in the educational development of numerous Missouri students as a professor at Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City for many years; and

Whereas, Price Ellis brought a wealth of knowledge and spiritual fulfillment to his flock at Shiloh Baptist Church in Warrensburg, where he helped the congregation to serve the Christian mission in his role as pastor; and

Whereas, the son of Bennie and Mary Etta Taylor, the Reverend Price Ellis has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Estella; his four children, Stephen, Stanley, Vivian, and Valerie; and his two grandchildren, Jourdan and Nia:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Price Ellis, the first African American man to graduate from Central Missouri State University, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to serve as an inspiration to others; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Price Ellis.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1391, adopted April 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker